

CLASS TITLE: PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITIONIST

Class Code: 02788300

Pay Grade: 27A

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CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To plan, provide, evaluate and consult on nutritional services in community health programs or to provide nutritional consultation for and to conduct surveys of dietetic services in the state's inspection program of health care facilities; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the direction of a superior with wide latitude for the exercise of initiative and independent judgement; work is reviewed through conferences and reports for results obtained.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: As required, may supervise the work of one or more professional assistants or clerical workers assigned to assist.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To plan, provide, evaluate and consult on nutritional services in community health programs.

To develop the nutrition component of the health programs of the department and department-supported agencies.

To conduct training, education and information programs for the staffs of health agencies and for the general public through the use of the various communications media, classes, workshops, speaking engagements and by the answering of individual questions and requests.

To assist in studies and surveys determining nutrition needs, evaluating present nutrition services and developing nutrition programs.

To coordinate nutrition services with officials of other departmental programs and health agencies and to provide nutrition consultation services to professional staff members in public health and allied agencies.

To provide dietary consultation for the staff of the state's inspection program of health care facilities and for operators and staff personnel of health care facilities.

To investigate complaints about and conduct surveys of dietetic services in skilled nursing facilities, hospitals and intermediate care facilities to check compliance with federal and state standards.

To be responsible for interpreting federal and state standards in the area of dietetic services in health facilities including staffing, menus and nutritional adequacy, therapeutic diets, frequency of meals, preparation and service of food, hygiene by staff, and sanitary conditions.

To participate in and develop training and information programs designed to assist officials of health care facilities to conform to federal and state standards for dietetic services.

To prepare reports related to the findings of surveys, noting deficiencies or discrepancies and to make follow-up investigations to insure correction and compliance.

To be responsible for following developments in the area of nutrition.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A thorough knowledge of human nutrition and its relationship to health and disease; a thorough knowledge of foods, diets and nutritional theory and practice and the ability to evaluate and consult on nutritional services in health programs and at health care facilities; a working knowledge of developments in the area of nutrition; a working knowledge of social, economic and cultural factors and their effect on proper nutrition; the ability to interpret federal

and state standards for health facilities in the area of dietetic services; the ability to analyze and evaluate nutritional services at health care facilities and in health programs; the ability to conduct training and information programs in the area of nutrition; the ability to maintain effective working relationships with officials and the general public; the ability to make oral and written presentations, reports and analyses; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a college of recognized standing supplemented by the completion of advanced courses in dietetics and nutrition; successful completion of a dietetic internship; and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment in a professional position in the field of nutrition or as a consultant in the area of public health nutrition.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

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